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Alto Dale Farm

Architectural Survey File

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ALTO DALE FARM - About 1869 - Reisterstown Road north of Stone Chapel Road. Formerly known as the Goucher Estate, it had belonged originally to the Fisher family; Mary Fisher married Dr. John F. Goucher, founder and first president of Goucher College. Recent owners, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blaustein, enlarged old house and added a two-story portico on the south side overlooking boxwood gardens. Interior design provides setting for bronzes, paintings, and porcelain. Handsome barns, greenhouses, and grounds. Owner: Mrs. Jacob Blaustein. Visited by Ex-president Harry S. Truman in 195__; Jacob Blaustein was a trustee of the Truman library.

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Baltimore</u> TOWN <u>Pikesville</u> VICINITY <u>Dist. III</u> STREET NO. <u>Reisterstown Road</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>BA-11872</u>	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		2. NAME <u>Alto Dale Farm</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>about 1869</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p>Formerly known as the "Goucher Estate;" belonged originally to the Fisher family; Mary Fisher married Dr. John F. Goucher, founder and first president of Goucher College. Present owners have wisely enlarged the old house and added a two-storied portico on the south side overlooking boxwood gardens. Interior design provides an appropriate setting for their collection of French and English paintings, Bayre bronzes, and Sevres porcelain. Handsome barns, greenhouses, and beautiful grounds.</p> <p>Owners, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Blaustein.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <u>Endangered</u>		Interior Exterior	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	